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SUNDAY CABLE TO SAN CLEMENTE
26 July 1970

CAMBODIA

The military situation remains quiet with only widely scattered enemy harassing actions reported. An intercepted message suggests that the Communists are planning to step up their activity in Cambodia, but it is not clear how widespread or extensive the action will be.

In the west, Siem Reap city continues to receive harassing fire, but no casualties have been reported. Government positions south of Kompong Thom city also continue to receive harassing fire. A force of 200 Communist troops has been seen near Kompong Thom city moving northwest along Route 6. East of the city, a government patrol reportedly killed two enemy soldiers in a skirmish.

The Communists apparently are also continuing their efforts to organize the rural population in areas around Kompong Thom. A Cambodian army message claims they have set up political-military committees in the villages and created administrative zones and districts in the areas under their control. The Communists are also reported to be collecting taxes from the inhabitants.

Some 2,100 Communist troops reportedly are still positioned in areas to the east of Route 15 in the vicinity of Prey Vang city, but no military engagements have been reported. The Communists have set up training, recruitment, and supply and transit bases in the Elephant Mountains near the vital Route 4 from Phnom Penh to Kompong Som, according to a Cambodian army message.

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